

BARRY GRAM

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THE GREAT TOUR

At last, at last...Around The World in 80 Dates...and here are the dates. For the first time ever, BARRY treks across the Pacific to meet his fans to the West.

February 22– March 6	Barry's Back On Broadway
March 19/20	Honolulu, Hawaii
March 26	Tokyo (Prince Hotel)
March 27	Tokyo (Buddokan)
March 28	Tokyo (Buddokan)
March 30	Tokyo (NHK Hall)
March 31	Nagoya (Shimin Hall)
April 2	Osaka (Festival Hall)
April 3	Osaka (Festival Hall)
April 4	Fukuoka (Sun Plaza)
April 9/10/11	Hong Kong (Queen Elizabeth Auditorium)
April 14/15	Manila (Manila Hotel)
April 17/18	Manila (Folk Art Theatre)
April 22–May 1	Sun City
May 7/8	Sydney, Australia
May 10/11	Adelaide, Australia
May 14/15	Perth, Australia
May 18/19	Brisbane, Australia
May 21/22	Melbourne, Australia
May 24/25	Melbourne, Australia
May 26	Rest Home (Anywhere, USA)



BACKSTAGE

By David Taylor

Albert was probably about thirteen. Even with painted on scars and patched eye he already had that teenage swagger. Trailing along with a hobo, road weary clown, and an angel the size of a peanut. Amongst them bobbed two victorious pumpkins. The day had been a success. The costumes made, the prizes won, the afternoon planned to carve up the winnings. The walk home through the park couldn't go fast enough.

Midway our troupe of wayward tourists walked by with minimal notice. Amazing how that patch was replaced with 20-20 vision. Shrieks of "Oh My God That's Barry Manilow" filled the Illinois afternoon. And genuine pleas to come home and meet mom.

Jaws dropped as the ride back in the limo slowly sunk in. Angel clutched her costume and opened her eyes. Wider, and wider, and wider.

Dad was obviously engrossed in his Saturday afternoon project in the garage. We weren't noticed. Albert led the way through the back door, into the kitchen.

"Hey Mom, you won't believe..." That's all. Disbelief was slowly overtaken by disbelief.

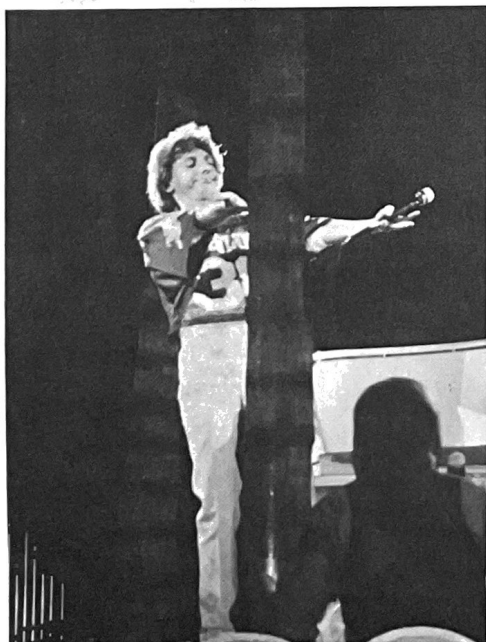
The hobo suddenly disappeared and pleas of "Mom, you've gotta believe me!" were heard from the phone down the hall. Replaced then with "Hi, this is Barry Manilow," "No it isn't!" "Yes, it is!" "No it isn't!" "Yes, it is!" It was.

Autographs, pictures, tickets to the concert that night, a few more hello's to the neighbors nearby. Time to pack back into the car and head for the arena. All unplanned, all spontaneous, all in response to an unselfish request from a young man who just wanted to do something nice for his mom.

Through the back window, the American Family stood in the middle of the street and waved goodbye. Albert melted into his Dad's arms. Tears slowly washing away those prize winning scars.

That night 12,000 people gathered to see the lights, the excitement, the energy, the joy.

Albert got to see the heart.



THE GREAT CONVENTION

Here it is...as promised...and not to be denied...the official...inside...and hot scoop information about the Great Barry Manilow International Fan Club Convention.

Where:
by popular demand...Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

When:
rain or shine (or wind)...June 23-24-25, 1983

What: Day One/Opening Day

Delegate registration
Time to meet and greet good friends
Take your picture with special displays
First Nighters Reception Buffet

Day Two/Fan Club Day

Late registration...for last minute arrivals

Convention seminars:

- How to start a local club
- How to run a local club
- Newsletters—how to make them work
- Special Events—All Fun or All Work?

Exhibits/Displays

A chance for each club to show its special wares, collection, scrapbook, etc.

Auditions/Rehearsals...for Saturday's Big Event

Competition...Judging for:

- Best Club Newsletter
- Best Scrapbook
- Best Club Charity Event
- Most Improved Local Club
- Outstanding Club President
- Outstanding Club

Super Secret Special Evening Event

Day Three/Convention Day

Delegates General Session & Luncheon

- Open forum for future plans
- Talent and Skits extraordinaire
- Barry Bingo
- MadMan Mickey's Magic Moments in Memorabilia
- The latest in Barry Wear
- Closing Night Awards Banquet
- Awards
- Special Recognition
- Great BMIFC Convention Chorus
- Surprise guests

Plus...music, souvenirs, shopping, sightseeing, good times, good eats, and special events to be announced.



Your registration fee includes:

- 1) Delegate info kit with hotel information and reservation card, group rate transportation discount info, entry blanks for fan club competition and individual contests, official delegate certificate
- 2) Official FGBMIFCC badge
- 3) Official FGBMIFCC jersey
- 4) Official FGBMIFCC bumper sticker
- 5) Official FGBMIFCC "Jive" hat
- 6) Official Pass to the "First Nighters Reception"
- 7) Admission to the convention seminars of your choice
- 8) Official Pass to the Delegate's General Session
- 9) Convention Day Luncheon
- 10) Closing Night Awards Banquet
- 11) Priority assignment for accommodations at the Official Convention Hotel
- 12) First priority for additional tickets to the Convention Day Luncheon and Awards Banquet
- 13) Priority Pass for one to the Super Secret Special Evening Event.
- 14) Inside word on discount travel, group hotel rates, special events, and activities.

Registration fee per delegate is \$75.00. Please note that registration does not include hotel charges, travel, or meals in addition to those covered by your Delegate Pass. Discount travel and hotel rates are now being arranged and will be provided to official delegates. Tickets to individual events will be available to non-delegate guests of delegates on a first-come, first served basis.

When you pre-register, you'll be put on the Special Convention Delegate's mailing list so you'll be kept up to date with convention plans. Your final official credentials will be issued at the convention.

To pre-register, enclose payment of \$25.00 along with your application to BMIFC—Convention. In addition, please understand that an additional \$25.00 will be due on May 1, 1983 and that the final balance of \$25.00 will be due upon your arrival and registration at the convention. Should you desire to pre-pay your registration fee in full, you understand that you can do so now for a total amount of \$65.00.

How:
To attend the first great Barry Manilow International Fan Club Convention you must pre-register with the BMIFC. Attendance may be limited...so register now to guarantee your place as a delegate.

I/We would like to stay at the Convention Headquarters hotel and will need accommodations for _____ people for three nights. If seating is available, _____ of my non-delegate family members and friends would attend the Reception and Banquet.

Please pre-register me as a Delegate to the Great BMIFC Convention.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Yes...I'll be there...so count me in.

My name is _____
My address is _____

My telephone number is () _____
I will be traveling by _____ car _____ train _____ plane.

_____ I will be attending the First Nighters Reception.

_____ I will be attending the Delegates General Session.

_____ I will be attending the Delegates Luncheon.

_____ I will be attending the Closing Night Banquet.

I would like to bring (indicate number) _____ non-delegate family members or friends.

Enclosed is my cash, check, or money order payable to the BMIFC Convention in the amount of \$25.00 (partial payment) or \$65.00 (full payment). CIRCLE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT as a non-refundable registration fee for the 1983 Great Barry Manilow International Fan Club Convention.

Pleeez...complete your registration form, enclose your payment, and mail to:
BMIFC Convention
P.O. Box 1649-G
Covina, California 91722 U.S.A.



Q's & A's

by Gary Adams

How does the "Q's and A's" column work?

Kelly Curtis, Florida. Usually it doesn't. But when it does...it's based upon real questions that are representative of the types of letters (and questions) we receive each day.

When was the BMIFC formed? By Whom?

Judy Robinson, Pennsylvania. The original Barry Manilow Fan Club was started back in 1976 by Kate Naughton.

Many fans order photo labels with Barry's picture and his lyrics. Are these illegal?

Charline Adams, West Virginia. Yup.

How's Biscuit doing? Nobody ever asks about the little guy.

Tara Martin, New York. She's fine; taking her first piano lessons and arguing with Bagel about who should be on the next album cover.

Does Barry sing the jingle for a local club called "Heaven?"

Shirley Batson. No. They probably "borrowed" HEAVEN off Barry's EP release.

Has Barry been on the Muppet Show?

Tina Sander, Sweden. No. Some of his critics have, however, compared him to Kermit.

Why doesn't Barry answer any of his fan mail?

Anne Bacaglioni. In between writing, performing, recording, and acting...he does.

Is that Barry I see every night on the introduction to Don Kirshner's "Rock Concert?"

Karen Penrose, California. Surprise. That's Barry...with very long hair.

What does Barry do with all the presents he receives?

Christine Hicking, England. Because he receives so many...quite a few are donated to charity; toys, in particular, are given to Toys for Tots. P.S.—That's after Barry has seen them all.

When will Barry be coming to Denmark?

Jane Parish, Denmark. Hopefully, in the Fall of 1983.

What happened to the puzzle contest?

Cathy Lenk, Maine. We got so confused we decided there was no fair way to pick a winner.

Does Barry prefer blondes?

Sharon Martin, Missouri. For what?

WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE?

Seems not when you consider that each of the following members has just enrolled three new members into the BMIFC. We'd like to say "Thank-you," welcome these members into the Gold Album Circle, and send each a copy of Barry's latest single record from the UK... "I Wanna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter." These special first editions include an exclusive poster of Barry.

Thanks gang.

Betty Alexander
Toni Anchorski
Karen Avola
Barbara Bauer
Rose Bitters
Maryann Blanford
Heidi Blue
Anne Carole Butler
Joan Cather
Sheree Chin
Char Cornelius
Maryann Cravotta
Patti Cruz
Norma Davis
Debbie Eggleston
Kimi Dehler
Donna Devine
Becky Eggleston
Robin Fetter
Nancy Evans
Donna Flood
Lynda Grand
Madeline Guessey
Linda Hack
Bonnie Hein
Sue Kirkham
Gail Malkini
Lorraine Moran

Carson CA
Danville PA
East Northport NY
Downs IL
Downey CA
Souk Village IL
Sacramento CA
Atlanta GA
Morgantown WV
Los Angeles CA
Buena Park CA
Northridge CA
West Covina CA
Houma LA
Burbank CA
Longwood FL
Des Moines IA
Indianapolis IN
Colchester CT
Norfolk VA
Philadelphia PA
Lach Haven PA
Baton Rouge LA
Colonial Heights VA
North Aurora IL
Manchester ENGLAND
San Jose CA
Middletown NY

Mickey Mulder
E. Ann Myers
Sonia Nagel
Carol Pautz
Cindy Prexla
Jan Rannochia
Janie Riley
Cathy Roe
Jan Roth
Sandy Smith
Laure Steel
Carol Taylor
Lorrie Thomas
Mary Ann Weismeyer
Connie White
Mary Britton
Marjorie Davies
Sandra Hopper
Barbara Mitchell
Debbie Ayres
Cathy Bellin
Gia Brannard
Gloria Dover
Judy Fisher
Wanda Kohloff
Danna Kramer
Sharon B. Niles
Patty Nyssius

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Piquemine LA
Dover NJ
Toledo OH
Chicago IL
Moberly MO
Milwaukee WI
Fallston MD
Columbus IN
So. San Francisco CA
Morgantown WV
Mansfield TX
Minneapolis MN
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POETRY

THE CONCERT

By Melinda Harris,
Yorkshire, England

I have just been to a concert,
The best that's ever been,
And I don't think I can begin to explain,
What I have just seen.

They say seeing is believing,
Now I know that's true,
I couldn't really believe in
The power that came through.

The excitement was terrific,
He can make one laugh or cry,
He got so many standing ovations,
And I could see the reason why.

The crowds were all shouting and clapping,
The arena was all full of joy,
I've found he appeals to more people
Whether young, old, girl or boy.

With his tantalizing power,
This audience can hardly wait,
For him to sing, his hips to swing,
To be themselves in a frenzied state.

He unconsciously torments his fans,
'Cause they desire him so much,
They all reach out to grab his hand,
They can try—but they cannot touch.

His performance is terrific,
I'm glad—I got the chance to go,
'Cause he is one in a million
The great guy—"Barry Manilow."

MANILOW MUSIC

By Kim Meyer, Illinois

There's magic in the melody,
The mystical world of song,
Musical, magical, wonderful
Beauty with wrong.

Notes drifting on an empty page,
Fingers on the keys,
Words changing into lyrics,
Perfection comes with ease.

The beautiful sound of Manilow Music
No person can deny,
The joy and life it gives to me
On it I can rely.

UNTITLED

By Kristine Tucker, Tennessee

You are my beginning, you are my end.
You are the music that moves me
And turns my life around.
You take me soaring with you
Upon the highest mountains and ridges
Then plunging into the depths of my soul.
You stab my heart like a golden needle,
And pierce my soul with just a word.
You take me to a place
Where love exists forever
And is not the taken of a dream
That refused to be captured.
You are the sweet life I long to lead
And the dream I will forever cherish
Wherever time may take me.
You are my life, you are my hope,
You are my music.

FOR BARRY

By Deni Pontious, Arizona

For the magic of music
And the language of song,
For the touch of a loved one
For these do you long?

When you sing of the tears
Shed by so many lovers
Do you sing for yourself
Or for so many others
Who love and who cry
When the passion has ended?
Oh, they fought long and hard
For the love to be mended.

I wish I could hold you
And never let go
Of the man who has shown me
The meaning of love.

So play on, Piano Man.
Stand up and sing
Your voice will be heard.
For the joy that you bring.



CHANGES

Keeping in touch...doing something extra. That's been our goal for the BMIFC. In case you haven't noticed...take a look at these changes:

- Special concert ticket arrangements were made (at last) for BMIFCers throughout the U.S.
- Tour telephone hotline (213) 656-6449 was installed to provide up to the minute tour info, dates, locations, etc.
- Mailgrams to local clubs announced Barry's airplane arrival schedule.
- Club members in the L.A. area received advance notice of Barry's *Tonight* show appearance.
- Club members in Chicago received special attention for Barry's *surprise* concerts at the Park West.
- More backstage meetings with Barry have been arranged than ever before.

We know we haven't changed the course of the world. We hope, however, that we've helped you have a little more fun...enjoy Barry a little more, and share in the benefits of being a member of the BMIFC. (P.S.—look for more "changes" in the future.)

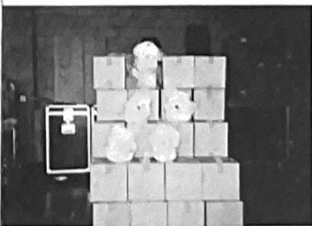


MOVIN' ON

Planning to move? When you do...plan ahead. The Post Office will not forward your BarryGrams to your new address. So please...well in advance, send us your old address, your new address, a copy of your mailing label, and a dozen chocolate chip cookies.

CORNERED AT LAST

Persistent little devil that he is, MadMan failed again in his attempt to evade our ace photographer. (MadMan is easily identifiable as the one white fuzzy headed creature wearing the hat.)



CONGRATS

Congratulations to the Beagle Bagel's Rosie Cowan who will chair the Great BMIFC Convention. She is sending questionnaires, inquiries, sign-up sheets and requests for volunteers to local Barry Manilow Fan Club presidents world-wide. If your club hasn't heard from Rosie, write to her in care of the BMIFC. And if you're a BMIFC member who wants to work on the convention, write to Rosie and also watch for the names of specific committee organizers in your Convention Pre-Registration Packet.

IS IT REAL, OR IS IT MEMOREX?

Since local fan clubs have started enjoying numerous special privileges and inside information, it seems that we've been flooded with the announcement of local clubs springing up all over the world. Guess it's time to establish the guidelines for what it takes to become a local BMIFC club:

Do's

- 1) Local clubs **DO** have a minimum of 25 members—all of whom are members of the BMIFC.
- 2) Local clubs **DO** publish a periodic newsletter or Bulletin.
- 3) Local clubs **DO** conduct periodic social events for their members and friends.
- 4) Local clubs **DO** have an annual fund-raising event for a local charity.

Don't's

- 1) Local clubs **DON'T** answer letters on Barry's behalf.
- 2) Local clubs **DON'T** pretend to offer the "official" word regarding Barry, his plans, and his career.

To sort out the difference between real and questionable local clubs and to insure official approval, each club should submit:

- 1) a list of current members
 - 2) two current newsletters
 - 3) list of officers
- and any other pertinent info to David Taylor c/o BMIFC.



TRANSITION

Seems that so many of us have now become close friends that there is a move afoot to change the Barry Manilow International Fan Club into the Barry Manilow International Friends Congress. Initials would stay the same; the name, however, would be quite different. What do you think? We'd appreciate your comments. Please send them along to Gladys Pinch at P.O. Box 1649, Covina, California 91722.

SAY GOODBYE, KATE

Goodbye. Time to sign off, lick some stamps, bundle-up our BarryGrams, and wish the post office good luck. (And they thought the Christmas rush was a big deal.)

Speaking of Christmas, all of us hope that all of you had a great Holiday. And to all who sent along that certain gift for someone other than Barry...an extra thank you. Another chocolate chip cookie and MadMan will exit via the loading dock. We're trying to convince him that he needn't eat them all before summer.

In the cookie department, Bagel and Biscuit also fared quite well. Fortunately, they're easier to control.

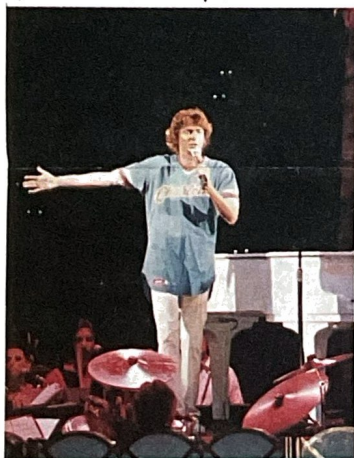
Anyway, it was a delightful Holiday for us all; and we hope also for you and yours.

But now we're back at it. Very excited about the never-ending World Tour, and already at work on the next BarryGram. Until then...don't forget that each of you is wonderful...enjoy a wonderful 1983.

With love,

Kate Naughton

Kate Naughton



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HELLO FRIENDS,

Here again. Back at last after the torrent of letters, gifts, and goodies arriving daily since the beginning of Barry's tour.

Seems that each tour inspires all of us to express our thanks to Barry; but then throw in an album and the Holidays and the result is overwhelming.

And the conclusion quite simple. When you all want to say thank you; you really know how to say thank you. Your letters throughout the years always express that something special you find in Barry's music. In the last few months, however, the sincerity of your daily correspondence has been stunning.

You have all become such special friends. We hope this issue of the B'Gram is as welcome in your home as you are in ours.

Love Ya—

Kate Naughton

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